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[Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 21-1207.1 OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY person who violates a restriction imposed on any license under the Maryland Vehicle Law or who violates any rule or regulation adopted under any provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law is guilty of a misdemeanor and, in addition to any administrative penalty provided for in the Maryland Vehicle Law, is subject to the penalties provided for in § 27-101 (b) of this subtitle or, if greater, to the same penalties as are provided for a violation of the statute for or under which the restriction is imposed or the rule or regulation adopted.

- (C) (1) A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:
- (I) FOR A FIRST-OFFENSE, A FINE OF UP TO \$25 PLUS COURT COSTS: AND
- (II) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE OF UP TO \$50 PLUS COURT COSTS.
- (2) A COURT MAY WAIVE A FINE ASSESSED FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IF:
- (I) THE VIOLATION IS THE OFFENDER'S FIRST VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; AND
- (II) THE PERSON-CONVICTED OF THE VIOLATION SUPPLIES THE COURT WITH PROOF THAT BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE VIOLATION AND THE APPEARANCE DATE FOR THE VIOLATION THE PERSON PURCHASED A HELMET THAT MEETS THE STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.
- (D) (1) THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL DISTRIBUTE ANY FINES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED TO BE USED BY THE GOVERNING BODY FOR BICYCLE RELATED PURPOSES INCLUDING THE FUNDING OF BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
- (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY RECEIVING FUNDS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE—ESTABLISHED UNDER § 21–1213 OF THIS SUBTITLE REGARDING APPROPRIATE USES OF THE FUNDS:
- (E) THE FAILURE OF A PERSON TO USE A BICYCLE HELMET AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT:
 - (1) BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE;
 - (2) BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE:
 - (3) LIMIT LIABILITY OF A PARTY OR AN INSURER: OR
- (4) DIMINISH RECOVERY FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, OR OPERATION OF A VEHICLE.